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September 28, 2004

**Public Workshop to Discuss Proposed Amendments to
the Area Designations for State Ambient Air Quality Standards**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop and provide input about the proposed area designations for State ambient air quality standards (State standards). The Board is currently scheduled to consider changes to the area designations in January 2005.

The workshop will be held at the time and location shown below:

DATE: October 21, 2004

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
Training Room 2 West, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

For your convenience, additional information about the meeting location and parking is provided in Attachment 1. If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact the meeting coordinator, Ms. Marcella Nystrom, at (916) 323-8543 or mnystrom@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

Area Designations

To protect public health, the Board has adopted health-based State standards. These State standards define the maximum amount of air pollutant that can be present in ambient (outdoor) air. State law further requires the ARB to establish and annually review the area designations for State standards. Areas are designated as attainment, nonattainment, nonattainment-transitional, or unclassified for each State standard. During the annual review, ARB determines whether changes to the existing area designations are warranted, based on an evaluation of recent air quality data.

Area designations are based on air quality data for the most recent three calendar years. This year's area designations are based on data collected from 2001 through 2003. The ARB makes area designations for ten pollutants: ozone, suspended particulate matter (PM10), fine suspended particulate matter (PM2.5), carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, sulfates, lead, hydrogen sulfide, and visibility reducing particles.

Staff's proposed area designations are summarized in Attachment 2. These include changes in area designations for ozone, carbon monoxide, PM10, and PM2.5. The staff does not propose any changes for the remaining six pollutants. The Board must adopt all proposed changes to the area designations, except the nonattainment-transitional designation for ozone, at a public hearing that is currently scheduled for January 2005. In contrast, the ozone nonattainment-transitional designation occurs by operation of law, as set forth in Health and Safety Code section 40925.5.

At the public workshop, ARB staff will present an overview of the proposed changes to the area designations and provide an opportunity for public input. In addition, staff will discuss several areas of the State where the air quality data would appear to signal a change in area designation, but for which we do not propose any change. Generally, these include areas with incomplete data, areas with data that do not reflect the area of highest expected concentrations, or areas with exceedances excluded as highly irregular or infrequent events.

If you have any questions about the public workshop or proposed amendments, please contact Ms. Marcella Nystrom at (916) 323-8543 or mnystrom@arb.ca.gov or Ms. Gayle Sweigert, at (916) 322-6923 or gsweiger@arb.ca.gov.

For further information, visit our web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/desig/desig.htm>. Additional information will be posted on the web site one week prior to the workshop and will be updated periodically, thereafter. You may sign-up to receive e-mail notifications when information related to the State area designations is posted on ARB's web site by subscribing to our listserve at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/desig.htm>.

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Para información, por favor comuníquese con Marivel De La Torre en la Oficina de Información Pública del Consejo de Recursos Atmosféricos al (916) 322-2990.

Sincerely,

/s/

Robert D. Fletcher, Chief
Planning and Technical Support Division

Attachments (2)

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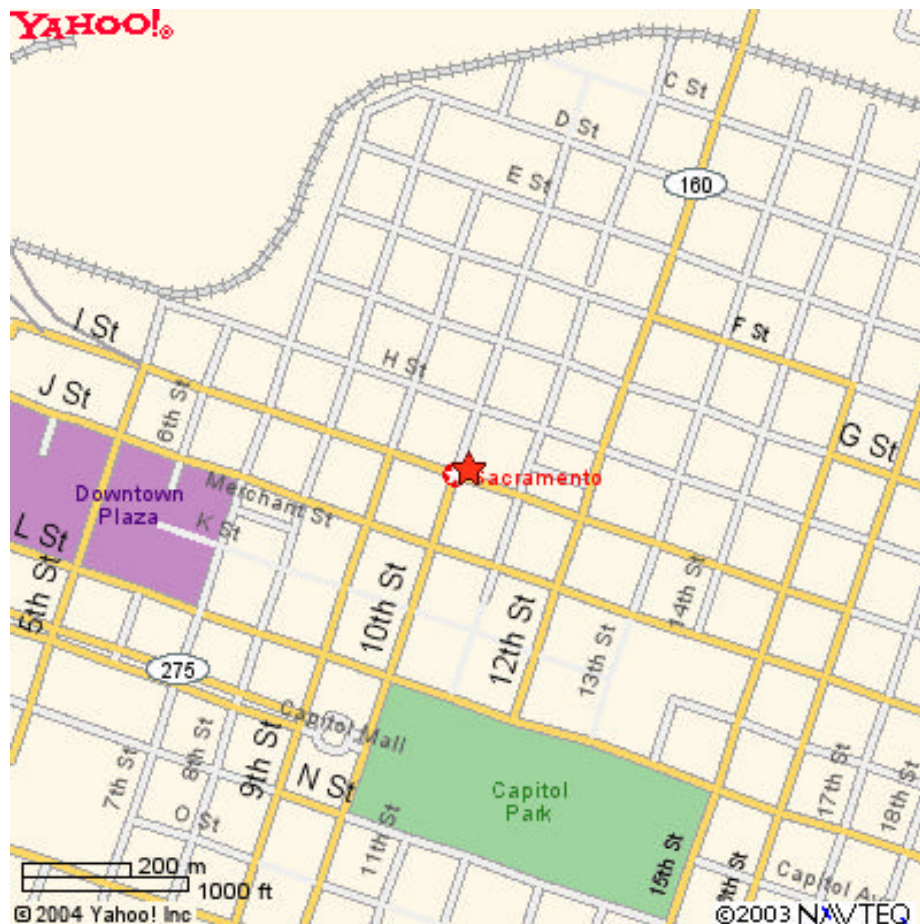
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ATTACHMENT 1

LOCATION OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
Training Room 2 West, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95812



The California Environmental Protection Agency Air Resources Board is located at 1001 I Street. Please enter the building on the south side, through the public entrance. All guests are required to sign-in at the security desk on the first floor. Training Room 2 West is located up the stairs and to the left, on the south side of the second floor. Street parking is limited at this facility. There is a public parking structure located one block south of the building on 10th Street, between I Street and J Street.

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ATTACHMENT 2

2004 PROPOSED AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR STATE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS*

PROPOSED AREA DESIGNATION CHANGES			
<i>Pollutant</i>	<i>Area / Air Basin</i>	<i>Current Designation</i>	<i>Proposed Designation</i>
Ozone	North Central Coast Air Basin	N	NA-T**
CO	Los Angeles County (South Coast Air Basin)	NA-T	A
PM10	Siskiyou County (Northeast Plateau Air Basin)	N	A
PM2.5	Lake Tahoe Air Basin	U	A
	North Central Coast Air Basin	U	A

*** Designation Categories:**

- A = Attainment; indicates no *violations* of the State standard in the area during the previous three years.
- N = Nonattainment; indicates at least one *violation* of the State standard in the area during the previous three years.
- NA-T = Nonattainment-transitional; a subcategory of nonattainment. For ozone, indicates no more than three *exceedances* of the State standard at each site in the district during the previous calendar year. Ozone nonattainment-transitional changes occur by *operation of law*. For other pollutants, nonattainment-transitional indicates no more than two *violations* of the State standard at each site in the area during the previous calendar year, and the area is expected to reach attainment within the next three years.
- U = Unclassified; indicates data are not sufficient for determining attainment or nonattainment.

An *exceedance* is any pollutant concentration that is above the level of the State standard. Not all exceedances are violations. In contrast, a *violation* is an exceedance that cannot be excluded from the area designation process as affected by a highly irregular or infrequent event.

** The ozone nonattainment-transitional designation occurs by operation of law.